

has been used for private purposes and also by officials for Delhi tours;

(d) if so, the number of time the aircraft was used for private purposes and for Delhi tours by the officials during the last two years stating the expenditure incurred on each occasion;

(e) whether use of the aircraft for such purposes is allowed under the rules or conditions;

(f) if so, the conditions laid down for its use; and

(g) if not, the action taken by the Government to provident its misuse in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) to (c). A six seater aircraft is being maintained by the Bokaro steel Plant for use in urgent and emergent circumstances. The aircraft can be used by the officers of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Government for official trips including to Delhi and it has been used accordingly. When the aircraft has been used for official purposes, on certain occasions, officers/family members have also used the vacant seats for private journey, with the approval of the Competent Authority, on payment of charges as laid down by the Company.

(d) to (f). In the years 1990 and 1991, the total number of trips, including to Delhi, made by the Bokaro Steel Plant aircraft were 209; 104 in the year 1990 and 105 in the year 1991. These were official trips and the aircraft was not used for exclusive private journey. As per rules, on some occasions when aircraft is used for official purpose, the officers/family members can also use the vacant seats for Private Jowarnbey on payment of charges. The expenditure on account of operating cost of the aircraft is Rs. 4000/- per hours.

(g) Does not arise.

### **Agreement on working group in Energy with finland**

7212. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement to set up a working group on Energy has been signed between India and Finland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the modalities have also been fianlied in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

### **Indo-Denish Pact on Power Front**

7213. SHRIGEORGE FERNADES: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Denamark have emphasised the use of natural gas and other renewable energy sources to protect environment and prevent pollution as reported in the Hindu dated march 4, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any efforts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). On environmental and other considerations, the Government of India gives due priority for use of natural gas and other forms of renewable energy sources for generation of power. Cooperation with Denmark in the power sector has so far been mainly in the field of Wind Power. However, some other areas of cooperation between India and Denmark being identified.

#### **Import of Potato by Coca Cola**

7214. SHRI RABIRAY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have given permission to Coca Cola Company to import potato; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Government have approved a joint venture proposal submitted by M/s. JMRPCO Limited, a company incorporated in Hongkong having NRI equity share holding of 60% and 40% share holding by M/s. Coca Cola South Asia Holdings, wholly owned subsidiary of the Coca Cola Company of USA with M/s. Britannia Industries Limited, Calcutta and Maharashtra State Government Agency for setting up a unit for manufacture of processed extruded snacks, processed nuts, stackable potato chips and non-alcoholic beverage bases/essences in a backward district of Maharashtra by setting up a new company to be known as BRITCO Foods Private Limited. The proposal envisages manufacture of stackable potato chips for which potato flakes shall be im-

ported under the 'Blanket Advance Licence Scheme'. the annual requirement of potato flakes range between 600-758 M/T during the first five years. According to the project report, 100% production of processed snack food nuts and stackable chips are to be exported.

#### **Tuticorin Airport**

7215. SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state by when the new airport established at Tuticorin is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): After the issue of licence by the Director General of Civil Aviation, the aerodrome at Tuticorin will become operational.

#### **Mangalore Power Project**

7216. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:  
SHRI C.P. MUDALA  
GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environmental clearance for Super Thermal Power Projects, Stage-I mangalore has been accorded by the Union government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment & Forest (MOEF)